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SUBJECT:SPANISH REQUEST INFORMATION ON SOVIET VISITORS

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1. GLOMAR CHALLENGER IS DRILLSHIP OPERATED BY SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY, AND FUNDED BY NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION. FOR PAST 6 YEARS, VESSEL HAS BEEN RESEARCH PLATFORM FOR DEEP SEA DRILL PROJECT (DSDP). SCIENTIFIC GUIDANCE FOR DSDP HAS BEEN FURNISHED BY JOINT OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTIONS FOR DEEP EARTH SAMPLING (JOIDES). CURRENT MEMBERS INCLUDE WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTION, UNIV. OF MIAMI, UNIV. OF WASHINGTON, COLUMBIA UNIV.'S LAMONT - DOHERTY GEOLOGICAL OBSERVATORY, INSTITUTE OF OCEANOLOGY OF USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, AND WEST GERMANY'S BUNDESANSTALT FUR BODENFORSCHUNG. SOVIETS AND FRG CONTRIBUTE FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

2. VESSEL NOW NEARING CONCLUSION OF LEG 40 - CAPETOWN TO  
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ABIDJAN - AND IS EXPECTED IN ABIDJAN 11 FEBRUARY.

VESSEL TO SAIL 13 FEB FOR LEG 41. 8 DRILL SITES HAVE BEEN  
SELECTED. SEDIMENT CORES OBTAINED THESE SITES WILL  
YIELD IMPORTANT CLUES TO SEDIMENTARY ENVIRONMENT AND

CIRCULATORY PATTERNS OF EARLY EASTERN NORTH ATLANTIC  
OCEAN. ALL SITES ARE IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS OFF WEST  
AFRICAN COAST IN WATER DEPTHS OF 1700 METERS OR  
GREATER. LEG 41 WILL CONCLUDE WITH CHALLENGER'S APRIL 8  
ARRIVAL IN MALAGA.

3. DSDP PERSONNEL REPORT VALERIY A. KRASHENINNIKOV AND  
ONE OTHER SOVIET SCIENTIST TO BE ABOARD FOR LEG 41, BUT  
HAVE NO RPT NO KNOWLEDGE OF SOVIET SCIENTISTS CONNECTED  
WITH CHALLENGER WHO MIGHT BE IN SOUTHERN SPAIN EARLY  
FEBRUARY. FYI IN ANY EVENT,, US-USSR UNDERSTANDING  
IS THAT FOR PARTICIPATION IN EACH OTHERS CRUISES UNDER  
"AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN OCEAN STUDIES," EACH  
COUNTRY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING THIRD COUNTRY  
VISAS FOR ITS OWN PERSONNEL. THUS USG WOULD HAVE NO  
RESPONSIBILITY IN OBTAINING SPANISH VISAS FOR SOVIETS  
ABOARD GLOMAR CHALLENGER. KISSINGER

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